

**United States v. Ryan Rainford
18 Cr. 289 (SHS)**

EXHIBIT J

Martin Gonzales Letter

August 1, 2019

The Honorable Sidney H. Stein
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, New York 10007

Dear Judge Stein:

My name is Martin Gonzales, and I'm writing this letter on behalf of Ryan Rainford. I have known Ryan for 6 years thru his relationship with my daughter Jessica, which has blessed me and my wife with grandchildren. The boys are well mannered and excel in school which I attest to the attention he gives to his family. Two parent households provide the stability needed to raise children, which will also produce responsible adults.

I have seen Ryan show compassion to my parents, helping my mom care for my dad who suffers from Alzheimer's disease. He regularly stops by their home after his job driving a school bus to lend a helping hand. These tasks vary from picking up groceries and taking out the trash, to helping my dad bathe and get dressed. I will be forever grateful for the attention he gives them during this often difficult stage of their lives.

I believe Ryan is a good parent, and works hard to provide for his family. His actions and positive contributions in other people's lives represent his true character, and I appreciate all he does for our family. Thank you for taking time to read this letter.

Sincerely,



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